

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising: acting as coupling agent
~~between fillers and peroxidically crosslinking elastomers in rubber compounds, which~~
~~comprises, as component comprising silicon compounds, a mixture~~

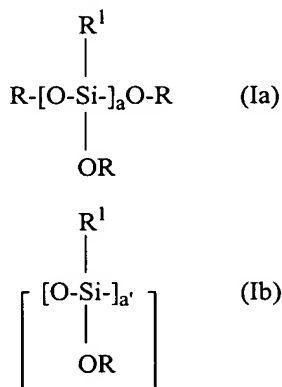
- a) ~~of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with alkylalkoxysiloxanes, a vinylalkoxysiloxane and~~
an alkylalkoxysiloxane, or
- b) ~~of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with phenylalkoxysiloxanes, a vinylalkoxysiloxane~~
and a phenylalkoxysiloxane, or
- c) ~~of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxanes a~~
vinylalkoxysiloxane and a phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxane, or
- d) ~~of an acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with alkylalkoxysiloxanes,~~
alkoxysiloxane and alkylalkoxysiloxane, or
- e) ~~of an acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with phenylalkoxysiloxanes,~~
alkoxysiloxane and phenylalkoxysiloxane, or
- f) ~~of an acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxanes~~
alkoxysiloxane and phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxane.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~which~~
~~comprises as other non-silicon-containing components, plasticizers and/or~~ further comprising
a plasticizer, a processing aids aid, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in claim1, claim 1 or 2,
which comprises from 0.1 to 100% by weight of a vinyl-, acrylic-, or methacrylic-functional
alkoxysiloxane, based on all of the components present in the composition.

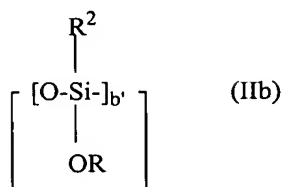
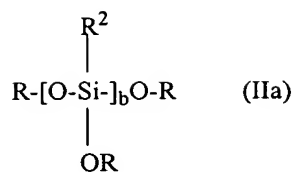
Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 3,~~
claim 1, which comprises from 0 to 80% by weight of the alkyl- or phenyl-functional
alkoxysiloxane, based on all of the components present in the composition.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 4,~~
claim 1, which comprises at least one vinylalkoxysiloxane of the ~~general~~ formula (Ia) or
(Ib)



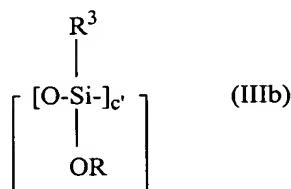
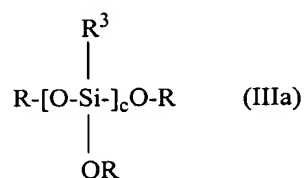
~~where the groups~~ wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R¹ is a vinyl group, each of a and a', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 5,~~
claim 1, which comprises at least one alkylalkoxysiloxane of the ~~general~~ formula (IIa) or
(IIb)



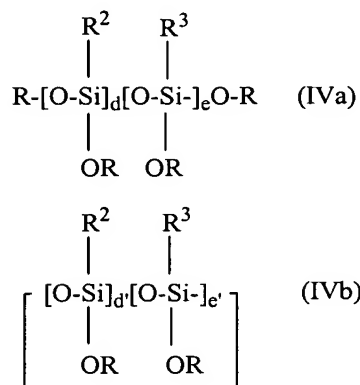
~~where the groups~~ wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, ~~the groups~~ R^2 are identical or different, and each R^2 is a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, each of b and b', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 6,~~ claim 1, which comprises at least one phenylalkoxysiloxane of the ~~general~~ formula (IIIa) or (IIIb)



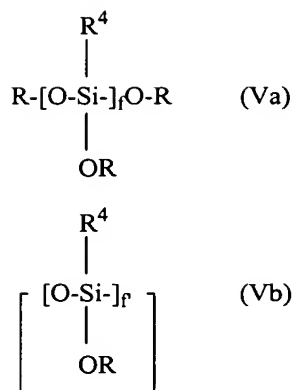
~~where the groups~~ wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R^3 is a phenyl group, each of c and c', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 7,~~
claim 1, which comprises at least one alkylphenylalkoxysiloxane of the ~~general~~ formula
(IVa) or (IVb)



~~where the groups wherein~~ R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, ~~the~~ R² groups are identical or different, each R² being a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, R³ is a phenyl group, each of d, d', e and e', independently, is an integer from 1 to 35 and ~~complies with the provisos that~~ wherein 1 < (d+e) < 50 and 1 < (d'+e') < 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 8,~~
claim 1, which comprises at least one acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxane of the ~~general~~
formula (Va) or (Vb)



~~where the groups~~ wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, ~~the groups~~ R^4 are identical or different, and R^4 is an acrylic or methacrylic group, each of f and f' , independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 9,~~ claim 1, which has been applied to a carrier.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein ~~the said carrier material has been~~ is selected from the ~~series~~ group consisting of a porous polymer, carbon black, wax, silica, and calcium silicate.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of the composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 11 as~~ A method of coupling agent in filled and a filler with a peroxidically crosslinking rubber compounds compound, said method comprising incorporating said composition as claimed in claim 1 and said filler in said rubber compound.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compound which comprises ~~[[a]]~~ said composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The rubber compound as claimed in claim 13, which comprises ~~a content of elastomer from the series~~ ethylene-propylene rubber (EPR), ethylene-propylene-diene rubber (~~EPDM~~), styrene-butadiene rubber (~~SBR~~), natural rubber (~~NR~~), acrylate copolymer rubber (~~ACM~~), acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber (~~NBR~~), polybutadiene rubber (~~BR~~), or mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The rubber compound as claimed in claim 13, ~~claim 13 or 14~~, which comprises ~~a content of filler from the series~~ a silicatic filler or an organic filler. ~~fillers~~.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The rubber compound as claimed in claim 15, which comprises ~~a content of filler from the series~~ kaolin, silica, quartz, cristobalite, talc, montmorillonite, wollastonite, mica, calcium carbonate, chalk, dolomite, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, titanium dioxide, cellulose, flax, ~~and sisal~~, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~An item obtained during the processing of~~ article comprising said rubber compounds compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 12 to 16~~ claim 12.

Claim 18 (New): A rubber compound produced by incorporating said composition as claimed in claim 1 with a filler and a peroxidically crosslinking rubber compound.